

REMARKS

Claims 40-65 are pending in this application.

I. Restriction Requirement

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner has required restriction of claims 40-65 to a single inventive entity under 35 USC §§ 121 and 372. Claims 40-65 were subjected to a restriction requirement as follows:

- Group I - Claims 40-44 and 47-50, drawn to methods comprising the detection of p14 peptide in samples from subject;
- Group II - Claims 45, 46 and 51-53, drawn to methods comprising the detection of anti-p14 peptide antibodies in samples from a subject;
- Group III- Claims 54-58, drawn to methods of treatment comprising the administration of anti-p14 antibodies.
- Group IV- Claim 59, drawn to methods of treatment comprising the administration of a p14 peptide in an amount effective to elicit production of anti-p14 antibodies in a subject.
- Group V- Claims 60-64, drawn to pharmaceutical compositions comprising anti-p14 antibodies.
- Group VI- Claim 65, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising p14 peptide or an immunogenic fragment thereof.

II. Election

Applicants hereby provisionally elect ***claims 40-44 and 47-50 of Group I.***
Applicants hereby make this election without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

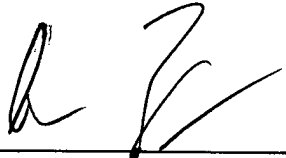
CONCLUSION

Having made the required elections, examination on the merits is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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